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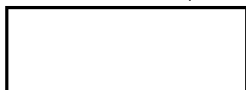
STATINTL Dear Chris,

Thanks for the kind words about [redacted] speech. He came back a little concerned about the press flap but apparently it amounted to nothing in retrospect. I hope it did not cause you any embarrassment. In any event, I am glad he went down there and I am even more glad that you give him such high marks.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

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George Bush

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President

June 24, 1976

The Honorable George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear George:

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25X1A
I am really indebted to you for letting us have
[redacted] pinch-hit as our speaker at our Houston
Petroleum Conference on China. As you may know, Phil
Habib at State had been scheduled to talk but at the
last minute had been asked by Kissinger not to leave
Washington.

Jim did a really outstanding job and made an
excellent impression on the more than 200 businessmen
who were present. I am afraid some of the local press
tried to give him a hard time because at the last
minute we had to announce that Jim's speech would have
to be off-the-record in accordance with his request.
The press had originally expected to cover Habib's
speech on an on-the-record basis so they were naturally
a bit put out by the last minute change. However, I
think we managed to pacify most of them. As far as I
know, no damage was done.

Former Mayor Louie Welch who opened our conference
sent his best wishes to you. He and several of your
Houston friends thought it was time you returned to
Houston. I said the timing of your return could con-
ceivably be influenced by the decision of a well-known
peanut farmer!

Best to you and Barbara.

Sincerely,

Christopher H. Phillips

Executive

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June 24, 1976

Dear Mike,

25X1A [] really enjoyed meeting you. He came back glowing about Houston and thrilled with his trip. He extended to me your warm regards for which I am grateful.

The new job is full and fascinating.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

25X1A []
George Bush

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